



**Photo: Dr. Ahmed Sabie (seated) poses with (l to r) Richard Hinckley, president and CEO of CORD and Dr. David Bond, director, National Career Pathways Network.**

## **Dr. Ahmed Sabie releases new book during national conference**

Dr. Ahmed Sabie, director of Kentucky Tech Prep, released and autographed his new book *The Pathway from Baghdad to Tech Prep* “a Success Story” during the National Career Pathways Network annual conference held in Louisville Oct. 10 - 13.

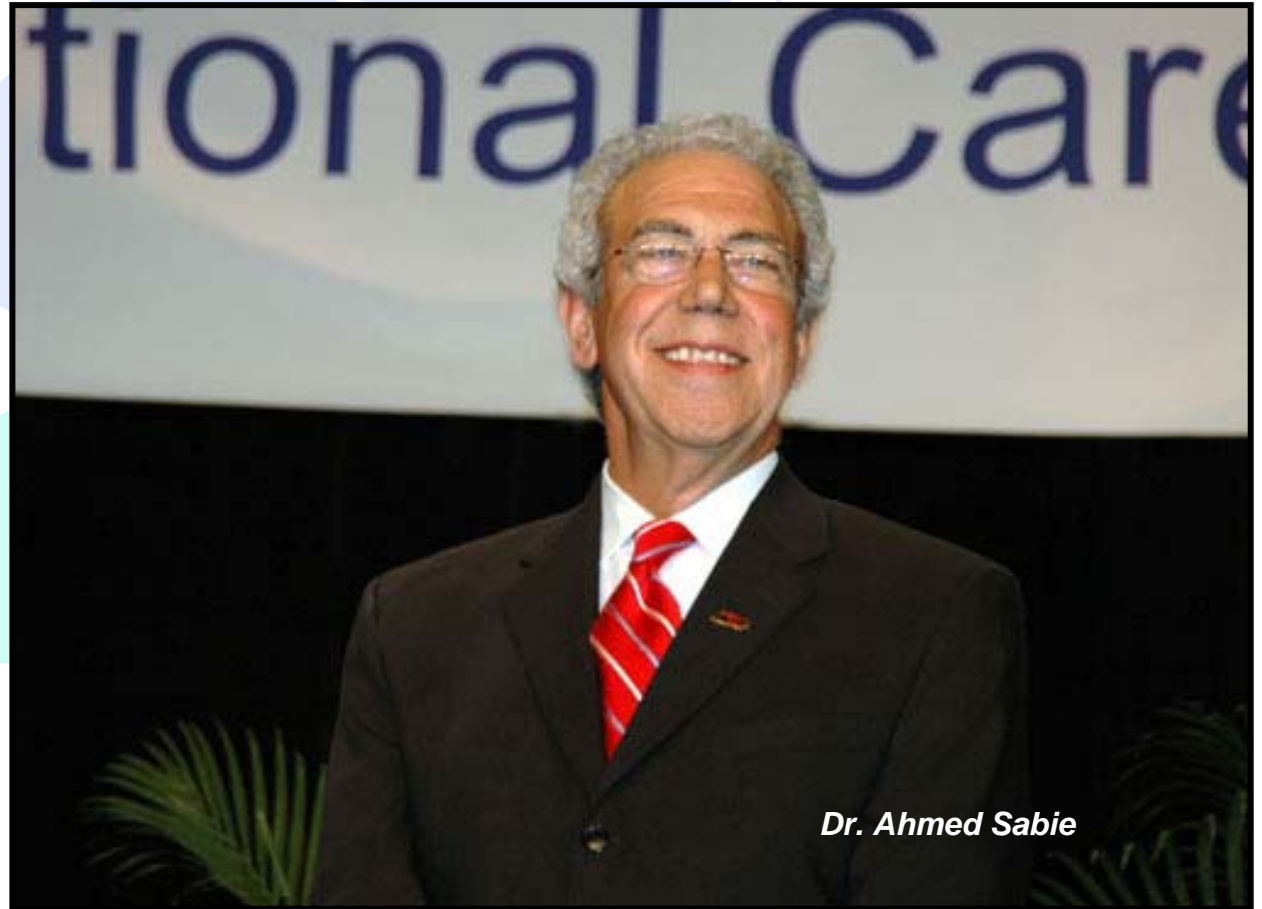
This year’s conference was held at the Kentucky International Convention Center. Approximately 3,000 participants from across the United States attended, including over 600 from Kentucky.

The book documents Sabie’s life journey from a young man growing up in Baghdad, Iraq, to his present position. In addition to Sabie’s personal story, the book includes other authors discussing

the evolution of career and technical education in Kentucky as well as the implementation of Tech Prep. Kentucky's best practices, successful implementations, stakeholders' perspectives, and business and industry perspectives are also highlighted. Sabie's book is the first to examine the Tech Prep movement in Kentucky.

"I am extremely proud and honored to bring about this level of pride to our state," said Sabie. "This book documents the relevancy of Tech Prep in Kentucky and those who have helped to make it a success."

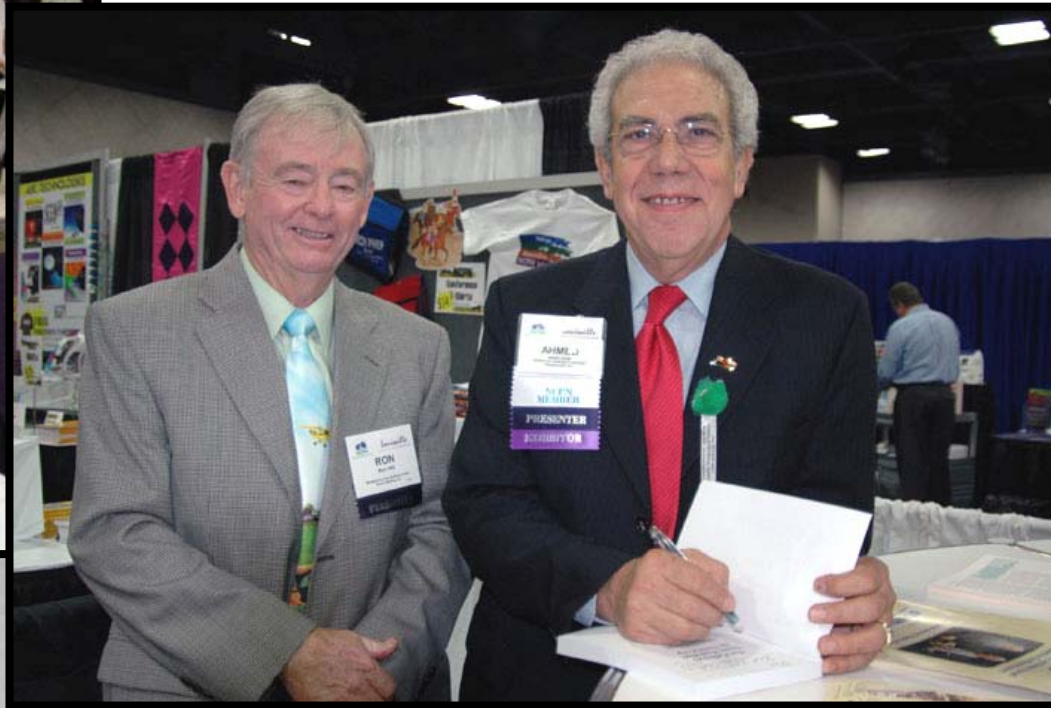
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*Dr. Ahmed Sabie*



## Autograph Session



***Top left: Dr. Sheree Koppell, Louisville Technical Institute, and Sabie.***

***Top right: Mr. Ron Hill, manager of the Mt. Sterling-Montgomery County Airport, and Sabie.***

***Bottom left: Leighane Hall, Eastern Kentucky University aviation student, and Sabie.***

Sabie received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Morehead State University and his Ph.D. from the University of Missouri. He was named Kentucky's first Tech Prep state director when the Tech Prep initiative began in 1991. He also serves as director of the New Teacher Institute, New Principal Institute and New Teacher Academy in the Office of Career and Technical Education in the Kentucky Education Cabinet.

Royalties from his book will be donated to the Industrial Education Technology Student Scholarship Fund at the Morehead State University Foundation.

To purchase the book, contact CORD Communications, Inc., P.O. Box 21206, Waco, TX 76702-1206, visit [www.cordcommunications.com](http://www.cordcommunications.com) or call 1-800-231-3015, Ext. 328.

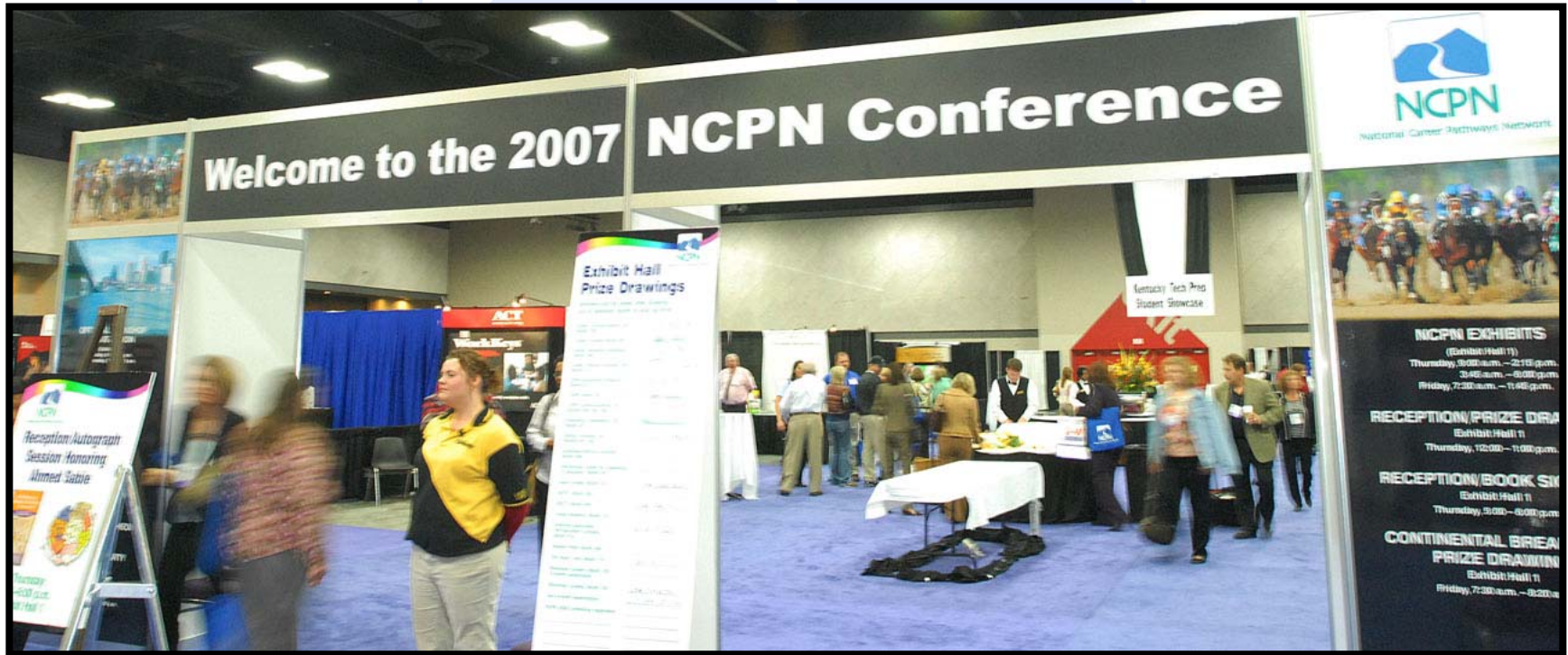
***Photo (right): Sabie autographs a book for OCTE deputy executive director Michael Kindred.***





# Pathway to the Kentucky Tech Prep Student Showcase

This year's National Career Pathways Network annual conference sported several new initiatives including a new logo, new name, and the new and exciting Kentucky Tech Prep Student Showcase - which exemplified the best practices of integration.



*Entry into NCPN conference*

According to Dr. Ahmed Sabie, Kentucky's Tech Prep state director, "The major goal was to showcase approved integration projects for conference participants to enjoy in a winners circle setting. We are proud of how our instructors and students have performed."

Some of Kentucky's leading Tech Prep practitioners displayed student projects including a wind turbine generator, doctor's office, race car, motorcycle, sailboat, and twin towers - to name a few. In reality, the bold exhibition served as a show stopper. Why? Academic and technical teachers benefited from discussing practical applications among peers, seeing a completed project, and taking home materials for reference.

***Photo (l to r): Lee County Area Technology Center automotive technology instructor John Lucas and Jerry Ward, industrial technology supervisor, Gremen High School, Midlothian, Ill.***

***"This showcase is a gateway to opening the doors for all participants to see what students can accomplish with dedication and perseverance," said Ward.***





The Russell Area Technology Center wind turbine generator project was developed by electricity instructor Doug Keaton. His main goal was to connect content to real life applications. It worked. Keaton's out-of-the-box thinking helped create an environmental awareness project for students, while at the same time integrating history, electricity, wind science, physics, and computer aided drafting. Keaton, his students and their outstanding wind turbine generator have garnered recognition at the regional, state and national levels.

### **Wind Turbine Generator Project**

Russell Area Technology Center

Russell High School

Ashland Community and Technical College

Russell, KY



## **Twin Towers Project**

Rockcastle County Area Technology Center's twin towers. The project fostered an educational and emotional environment to shape the attitudes of many young students about what it means to be an American. The 15' aluminum towers currently stand on the front lawn of the school as a cornerstone to honor American beliefs, values and ideals.

"As educators we often talk to others about the good things we do," said Rockcastle Co. ATC principal Ralph Baker. "This showcase allows us the opportunity to let students prove the level of skill they have obtained and the knowledge they have learned and applied in a real world project."



***Photo (l to r): Ann Craig, a life-long educator from South Carolina, and Ralph Baker, principal, Rockcastle County Area Technology Center.***

***"These presentations showcase the power of students connecting to real-life learning," said Craig.***



Regardless of how schools and programs are organized, educators say the importance of what happens in the classroom is what really matters. Making education real is at the heart of Tech Prep. According to conference participants, the showcase served as an important resource in helping many to envision a multitude of possibilities.

Strategic partnerships have been developed and nurtured among academic and technical education instructors in Kentucky as well as throughout the nation through the Tech Prep initiative. The Tech Prep showcase was exclusively designed to energize educators by helping them to visualize the creation of outstanding integrated real life projects.



### **Motorcycle Project**

**Russell County  
Lake Cumberland ATC  
Russell Springs, KY**

***At left: OCTE executive director John Marks takes a moment to enjoy the motorcycle.***

***Standing (l to r): Malcolm Slone, industrial maintenance technology instructor, and Rodney Nokes, machine tool technology instructor.***

When the Kentucky Tech Prep Student Showcase was initially launched in 2005, little did anyone know that it would serve as the model during this year's National Career Pathways Network event. Coordinating and implementing the Kentucky Tech Prep Showcase for presentation during conference laid the groundwork and set a benchmark for other states to follow. In fact, a student showcase is already planned for the 2008 conference in Cincinnati, Ohio.

***Photo (l to r): Jennifer Nelson, a student at Hopkins County High School, takes the blood pressure of Kahle Goff while instructor Lauren Cutrell observes.***

***"It's exciting to see the opportunities that students have from different Tech Prep consortia across the state of Kentucky," said Goff of the Gordon Cooper Tech Center in Shawnee, Okla. "This showcase is an outstanding addition to the national conference."***



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